

CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-13 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for driving fasteners ~~(31)~~, in particular screws, nails, pop rivets, staples or the like, with a motor-drivable feeder ~~(2)~~ that moves the fasteners sequentially from a feed position into a driving position ~~(31a)~~, and with an adjustment means ~~(60, 54; 60a, 56)~~ comprised of a stop member ~~(50)~~ that is movable in the screwdriving direction relative to the feeder and has a stop face ~~(53)~~ extending preferably perpendicular to the screwdriving direction,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adjustment means comprises a manually rotatable thread member mounted stationary in or on the feeder ~~(60; 60a)~~, the thread of said thread member engaging interlockingly with the stop member and moving the stop member continuously relative to the feeder on being so turned.

2. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thread of the thread member is an external thread with its axis running parallel or perpendicular to the screwdriving direction.

3. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thread member comprises a manually operable portion ~~(62)~~.

4. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the external thread of the thread member passes through the stop member in a radial direction.

5. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stop member has at least one slot (56) disposed perpendicular to the screwdriving direction for establishing positive engagement with the thread of the thread member, said slot(s) having a width that limits the axial path of the thread on both sides.

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thread member (60, 60a) is a rotationally symmetric member with a central bore (61) through which a force transmission member of the motor drive can pass during the screwdriving process.

7. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 5 ~~at least~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stop member (50) is configured as a U-shape and has slots (54, 56) on its two shanks (51, 52), which extend parallel to the screwdriving direction and are guided on two opposite sides of the feeder, and that the stop face (53) is located on the side of the stop member facing away from the feeder and has a hole (55) through which the fasteners can pass.

8. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thread member (60, 60a) has an internal thread and the stop member (50) has an external thread or portions of an external thread.

9. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the stop member has at least one protrusion (54) that engages at least with the thread of the thread member so that force can be transmitted interlockingly between the thread flanks and at least one surface of the protrusion.

10. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 9,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thread member is a rotationally symmetric member
with its axis of rotation lying parallel to the screwdriving direction and spaced apart from
the screwdriving axis.

11. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 9-~~or 10~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stop member ~~(50)~~ is U- or L-shaped and is guided
along the feeder with at least one side shank extending parallel to the screwdriving
direction, and that a protrusion ~~(54)~~ is formed on an edge of at least one side of the stop
member extending parallel to the screwdriving direction.

12. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~,
~~characterized in that~~ claim 11, wherein said equipment is coupled with a mains- or
battery-powered motor for driving the feeder.

13. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 12,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the mains- or battery-powered motor has a cylindrical
mounting surface and that the equipment is force-locked onto said surface.